

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that Claims 32-34 and 37-38 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over the Day reference.

Claims 32 and 35 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over the Elmer reference.

Claims 32 and 36 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over the Lock, et al reference.

Claim 39 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over the Elmer reference in view of the Casey reference.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that Claims 42-56 are allowed.

Also, Claims 40-41 were indicated as the Examiner as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In connection with the Examiner's rejection of the claims, Claims 32-39 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The Examiner's indication of allowance of Claims 42-56 has been gratefully acknowledged. In connection with this indication, these claims have been retained as they were.

In view of the Examiner's indication of allowability of Claims 40 and 41, Claim 40 has been amended to include the features of Claim 32. The thusly amended Claim 40 is independent and should be considered as being in allowable condition, together with Claim 41 which depends on it and shares its allowable features.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all the claims currently on file should be considered as allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is

respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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